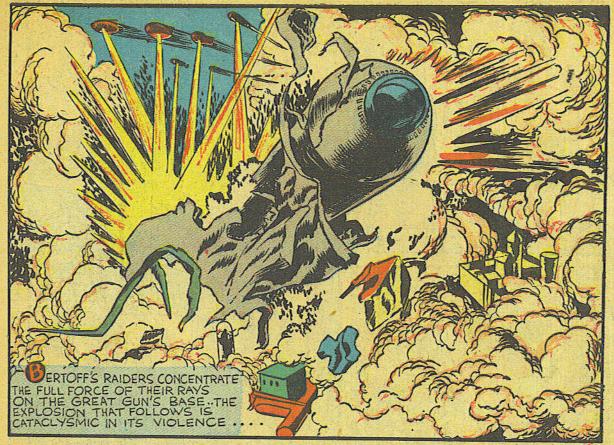


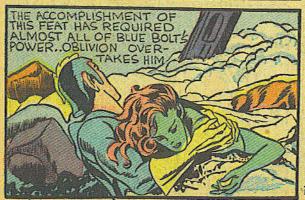
TWISTING, DIVING ROCKETS... BLUE BOLT'S
AIR ARMADA THUNDERS THROUGH THE WALL
OF THE DEFENDING GREEN SQUADRONS,
DETERMINED TO DESTROY THEIR OBJECTIVE—
THE GIGANTIC FORCE CANNON

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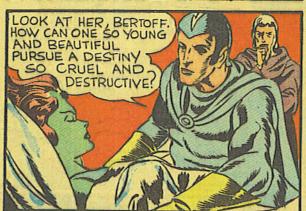












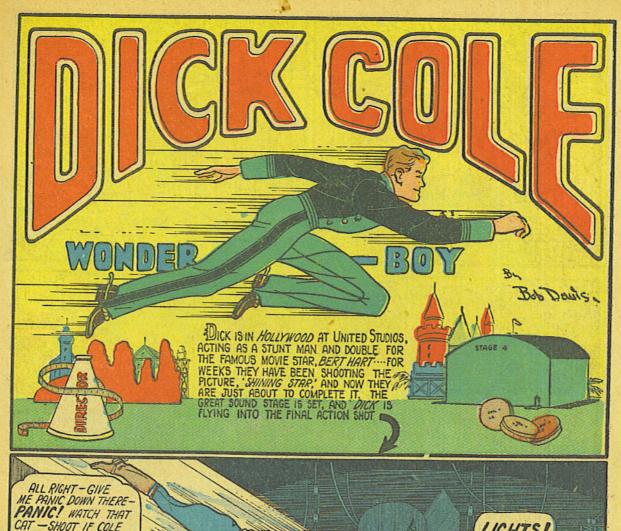
























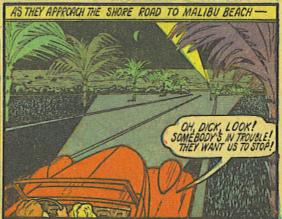








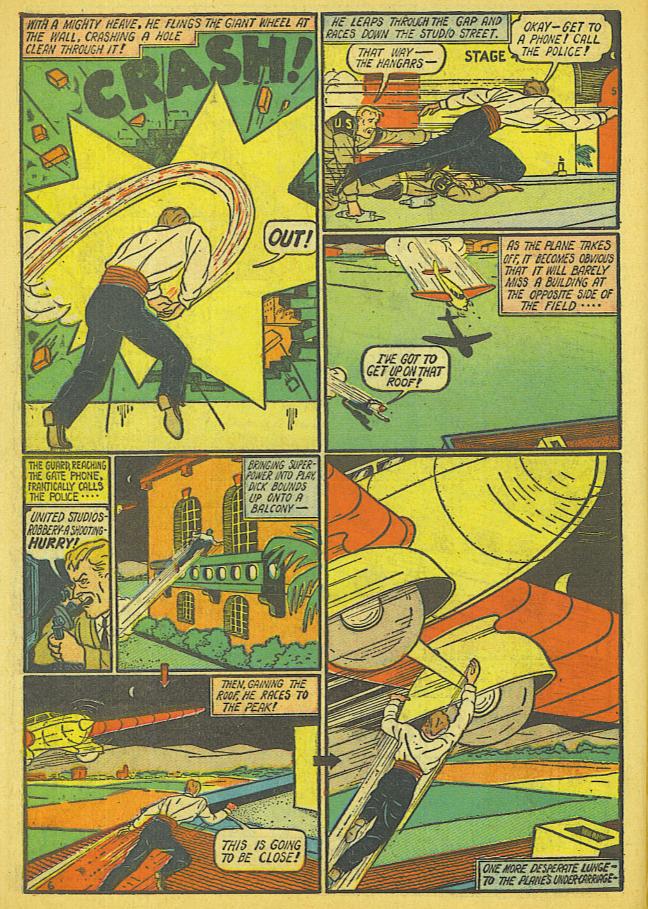


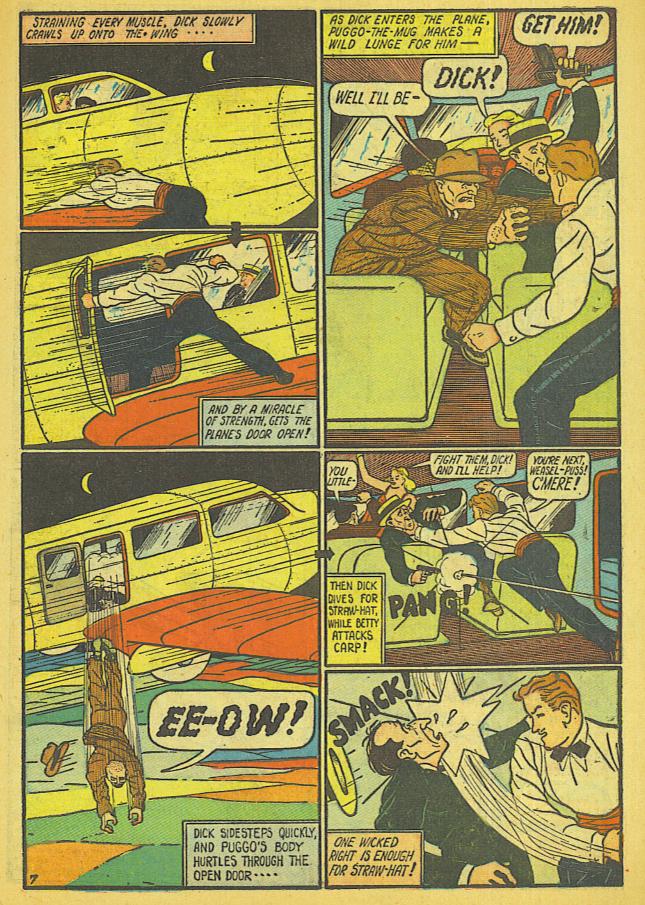












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Each month on this page we will publish several of what the Editors believe to be the best letters received from reader "Associate Editors". In addition BLUE BOLT will mail a check for \$1.00 to the writers of each letter published.

Take your pen and start writing now. Write plainly, print your name and home address, and send your letters to BLUE BOLT, 292 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

Cordially Yours, The Editors

HERE ARE TWO LETTERS TYPICAL OF WHAT WE MEAN. DO YOU AGREE WITH THEM? IF NOT, WRITE US WHAT YOU THINK.

Why I Read Blue Bolt Magazine:

It's young America's favorite comic A thriller through and through, A solid hour of adventure With Characters different and new. A million kids throughout the land, From North, East, South, and West Give their decree — they all agree That BLUE BOLT is the best.

Betty Jane Johnson St. Paul, Minn.

—(These are words we like to hear,

A pat on the back and a hearty cheer
For the magazine, Betty, never fear
We'll strive to make better year by year.)

_Ed.

Door Editors

Undoubtedly your best feature is Sub-Zero Man. This serial combines good artwork with an absolutely new idea. The situations are handled with suspense and sufficient action to satisfy the most avid. Try to keep Sub-

Zero from becoming a boon to mankind. There are too many characters along those lines. The kids are tired of them. So keep Sub-Zero as a malefactor if you want to hold the readers' interest.

In my opinion your second best feature is Dick Cole. This strip is striking for its unusual detail, freshness and natural dialogue. It has a vigor usually lacking in comic strips. My only criticism of it is there are possibly too many frames per page. I prefer eight or nine.

I believe that you, as the editor, desire sincerely to know what is also wrong with your publication. I dislike your main feature, "BLUE BOLT". It's not terribly bad, but it's been done before. There are at least five heroes that use electricity as a weapon.

I think that the average editor underestimates the age of the readers; so don't be too surprised at my age, seventeen. I have friends eighteen and nineteen of good intelligence who get a big kick out of reading the comics.

Yours truly, Gerard Wilson New York, New York

—(Thank you Gerard. Your criticisms are appreciated and help us to give the readers what they want. Let's have some other readers' opinions on Mr. Wilson's letter. Ed.)

IMPORTANT PRIZE COUPON NOTICE

In order that BLUE BOLT readers may obtain more valuable awards without lengthy delays, we have temporarily discontinued the BLUE BOLT prize coupon formerly run on this page. We believe that most readers would prefer to write an "Associate Editor's" letter to BLUE BOLT and receive \$1.00 if it is published, rather than wait to clip coupons from several issues of the magazine before receiving a prize.

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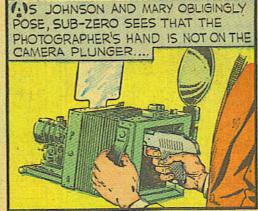
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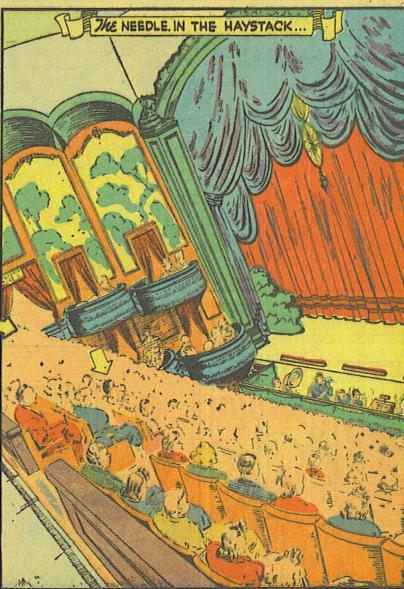




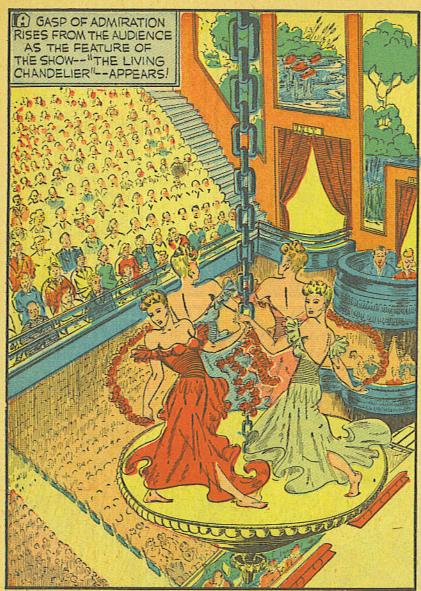




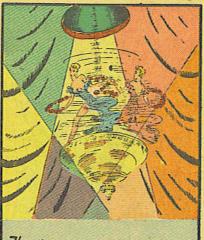












The "LIVING CHANDELIER"
WHIRLS IN A BLAZE OF
COLORED LIGHT ---

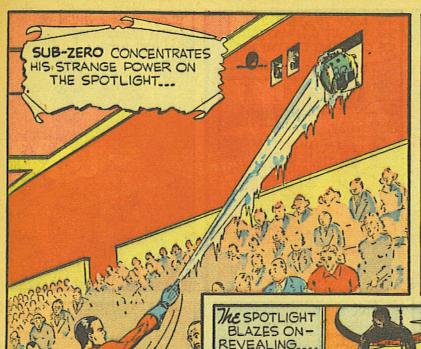
OUT GO THE LIGHTS ... AND

WEARING HIS COLD-RESISTANT MESH, PROFESSOR X ENTERS THE CONTROL ROOM FROM WHICH THE CHANDELIER IS OPERATED...









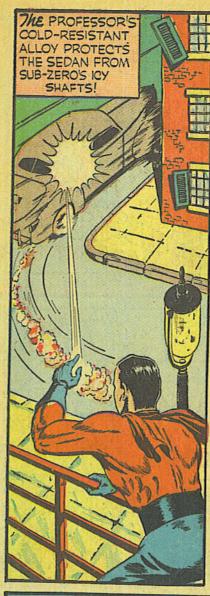










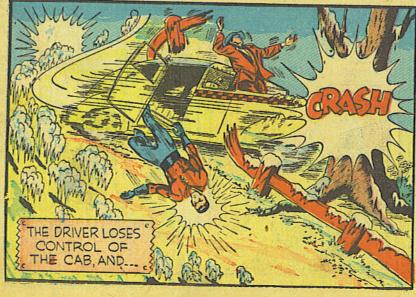














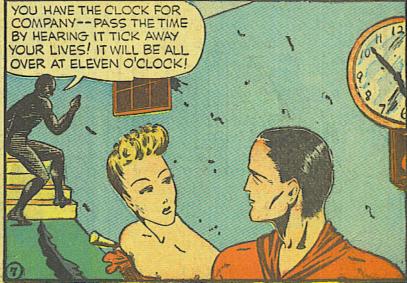








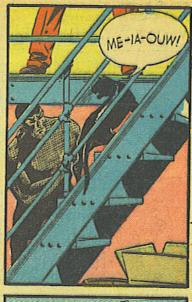








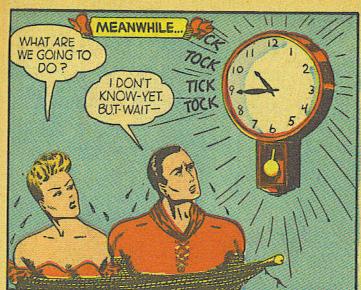




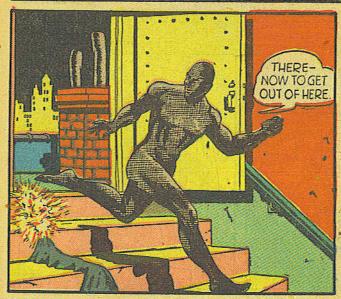






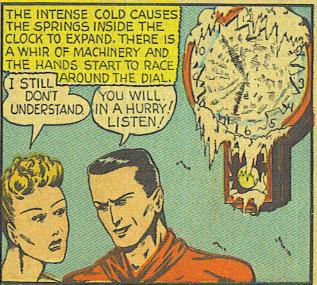


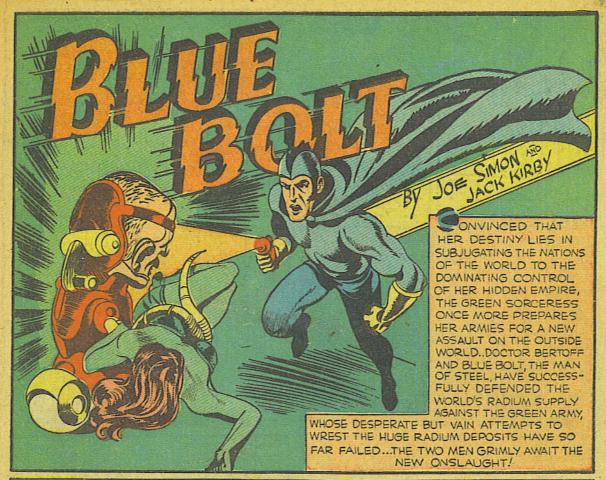












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LABORATORY
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WHICH GUARDS
THE GATE WAY
TO THE OUTER
WORLD... DR.
BERTOFF AND
BLUE BOLT
TUNE IN ON A
MEETING OF
THE GREEN
WAR COUNCIL
IN THEIR
TELEVISOR.



I SAY WE
MUST! DO YOU HEAR?
WE MUST! BERTOFF
EXPECTS THE SNOW TO
HALT OUR OPERATIONS!
BLUE BOLT AND HE WILL
RELAX THEIR VIGILANCE...
THAT'S WHY WE MUST
STRIKE NOW!

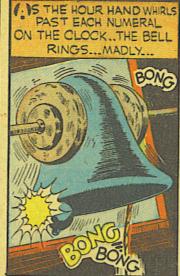
WINTER SNOWS ARE LAUNCH A PERMAALMOST UPON US! THE LAUNCH A PERMAALMOST UPON US! THE LAUNCH SUCCESSMOUNTAINS SURROUNDING FULL OFFENSIVE
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NO ARMY COULD
CROSS!

WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY

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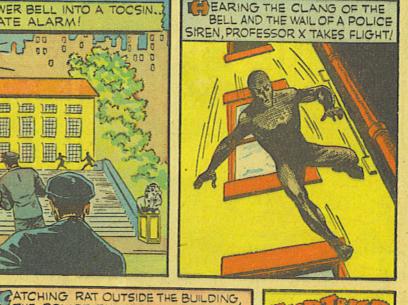
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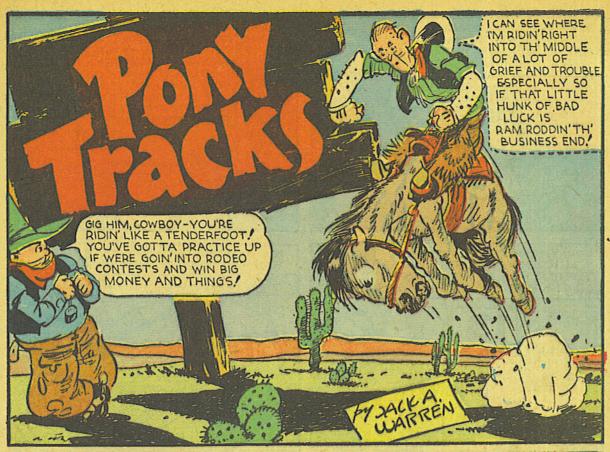




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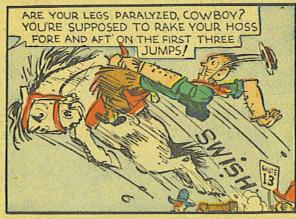




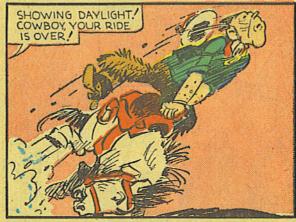










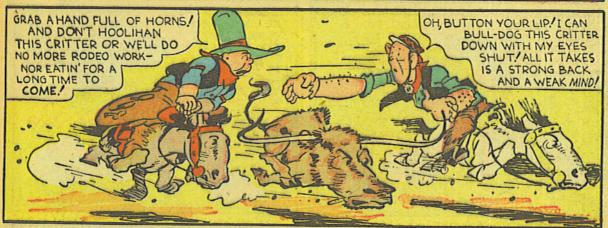








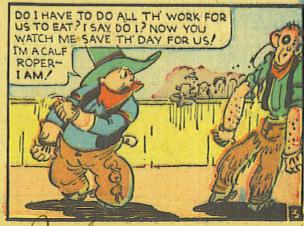








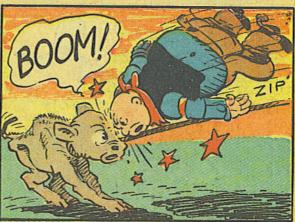


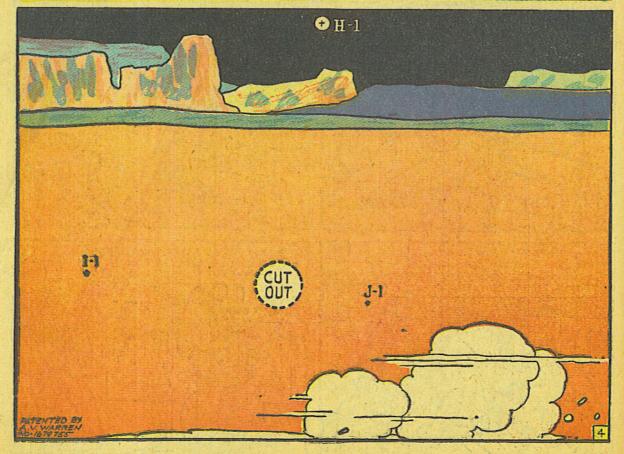


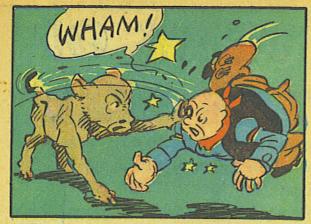


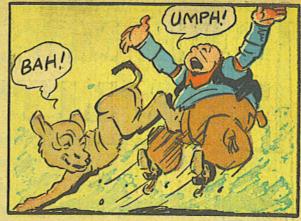






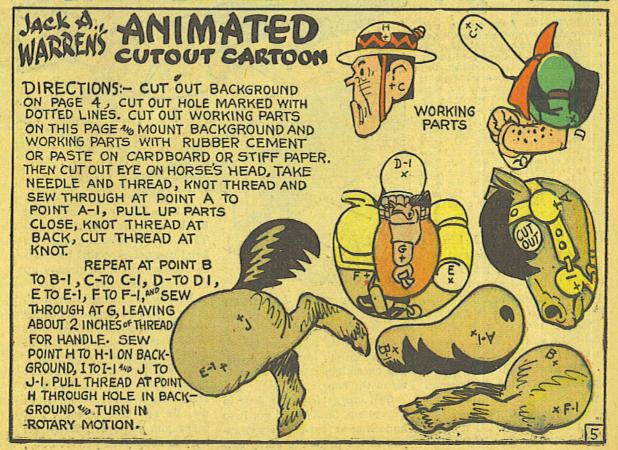














The huge glass slowly descended, completely covering Dick. The tingling sensation in his body increased, and it seemed as though the infernal machine was slowly sapping the very blood from his veins.

A DICK COLE Adventure

by Stockbridge Winslow

SYNOPSIS.—On Army Day, e nude little man, two teet high, slipped from a sewer and ran in the path of a line of light tanks. Dick Cole saved his lite and later the man disappeared. Dick disobeyed his commandant's order to return to Farr Academy and that night crawled into the sewer where he discovered a crumbling tunnel. The tunnel lead Dick under the park and into an ancient cellar There he was attacked, and jabbed with a needle. But before losing consciousness, he caught a glimpse of a row of cages filled with little men. When he awakened he heard a shrill voice speaking of something that is to be done to him in an hour The door closed and Dick was left alone with the rats.

HE rust-caked hinges screeched again and the door swung open For the second time that night the glaring shaft of light slashed through the blackness of Dick's prison.

"Leave him on the board," growled a voice "He'll be easier to carry."

Dick felt himself being swung up into the air, and the beam of light darted out the door. Footsteps thudded at his head and feet as he was carried down a long, dark corridor. A heavy metal door swung open noiselessly and they passed into a brilliantly lighted room. The place was white and gleaming and empty except for a rugged chromium table in the center of the floor.

Still groggy from the drug in his system, Dick could not help himself as he was securely strapped to the table. He dimly saw that both his captors wore long black robes and black hoods. Then a powerful clamp held his head motionless so that he could do nothing but stare glassily up at the spotless ceiling.

Faintly at first, and then louder, he heard the approach of the mysterious footsteps. The steps ceased, and though Dick rolled his eyes he could see no one.

Suddenly the shrill voice said: "Dick Cole, the Wonder Boy! Hah! You'll never escape from me. I'll sap your strength and make you weak as a baby. I'll let you keep your perfect body,

but it will be useless!"

A black line suddenly appeared in the center of the ceiling. The next instant it widened and the two halves slid noiselessly apart, revealing a dark cavity above. A huge glass bell slowly descended and settled on the floor, completely covering Dick and the table.

The light filtering through the translucent glass faded, to be immediately replaced by a dull lavender glow. Strange noises pounded on Dick's eardrums; bells tang, motors roared and there was a constant howling undertone.

Dick's body tingled and squirmed under the bonds and he felt as though he were being drawn by a giant magnet. The sucking, pulling sensation increased, and he was aware of his strength slipping away. It seemed that the infernal machine was slowly sapping the very blood from his yeins!

E first noticed the change in his size when the band across his chest suddenly slackened. He shrunk rapidly and the other bonds dropped off. At the same time the table spread out in all directions so that when he finally managed to struggle weakly to his feet he seemed to be standing on a huge, black leather mat.

White light replaced the lavender glow and the globe ascended to the ceiling. Dick glanced around to see a hideous, misshapen figure towering beside him. He took one look at the contorted face that mushroomed out of a collar of leather and steel. He glanced down at the man's feet. One was badly twisted and the other was merely a round, brass-tipped piece of wood protruding from his trouser leg.

A crooked hand shot out and caught Dick on the chest, sending him sprawling across the black expanse of leather.

"See? see?" shrilled the voice.
"Even I can knock down Dick
Cole!"

Dick launched a blow from the ground and followed it up with his twenty-four inch body. His fist smacked against a gleaming eyeball and bored in. The man shrieked with pain, stumbled backwards and sat down.

Dick leaped to the floor. Two black shapes appeared suddenly, bellowing with rage, as he raced across the floor. He sprang upwards as he reached the door and clung to the door handle with both hands. The weight of his body released the latch and he kicked viciously at the door jamb. The door swung slowly open. He dropped to the floor and wriggled through.

Along one side of the room he entered was a row of cages. Instantly a score of voices screamed at him. One penetrating voice rose above the rest, "Release us! The switch is on the wall!"

The door behind Dick swung open to admit his two pursuers. He dove for the wall and, as a huge hand closed on his shoulder, manged to throw the switch. The doors of the cages burst open, and with the fury of starving wolves the little men hurled themselves on their captors.

First one and then the other pursuer crashed to the floor, to be immediately covered with a squirming mass of gouging, scratching, biting bodies. In two minutes both were senseless.

"Get Mornay!" shouted someone, and the sea of little figures surged toward the door.

ORNAY, the cripple, stood dumbly in the center of the other room, his eyes glazed with terror. The wave of little men smashed against his legs and drove him backwards.

"The table! The table!" shouted Dick above the din.

Monay's steel brace struck the table and he toppled backwards onto the leather top. In an instant Dick and several others swung his feet upwards and he was immediately pinned on his back.

"Now, Mornay," said Dick, "tell us how we can regain our normal size."

The cripple laughed insanely, "Never, never! You'll never be big again! All you'll be good for is a circus sideshow!"

"All right," snapped Dick.
"Strap him down, fellows. We'll
make him one of us."

"No, no, you'll kill me! You don't know how to operate the mechanism!"

"Then show us how to change our bodies," Dick replied.

Mornay gulped. "All right, I'll do it!"

The cripple was hauled to his feet and dragged across the room to the control panel. "How do we know we can trust him?" asked someone.

"I'll go first," said Dick. "If you think he's double-crossing us, gouge his eyes out."

Dick scrambled onto the table, and the last thing he saw as the bell settled over him was Mornay leaning weakly against the wall, completely covered with small, watchful figures.

The process was reversed, although the noise was the same. Strong currents surged through Dick's body as it rapidly expanded to normal. When the bell lifted he leaped from the table.

A second little man climbed to the table and the process was repeated. When he was normal he jumped from the table, picked up one of his comrades, and gently placed him on the black leather. As the bell descended he joined Dick.

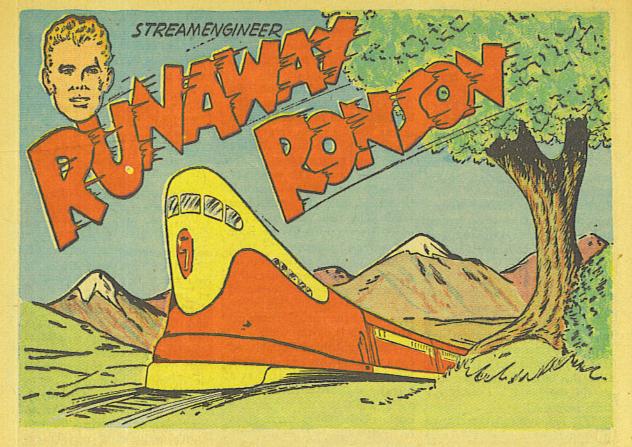
"What's the explanation for all this?" asked Dick in a low voice.

"Mornay's mind is warped," was the whispered reply. "He was a famous bicyclist years ago. He was pocketed in a race and there was an accident. His back was broken, one leg twisted and the other horribly mangled. He was crippled for life. As he grew older he came to hate athletes. His money enabled him to kidnap us and make us his slaves."

Dick shook his head, "It seems unbelievable."

"It was a nightmare to all of us," said the other man, "—until you came along. We'll never forget Dick Cole."

THE END





























A LITTLE MONEY ON THE SIDE

HAS TAKEN CARE OF THAT!





















































WRONG! PERHAPS MONROE































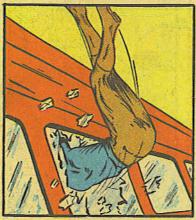


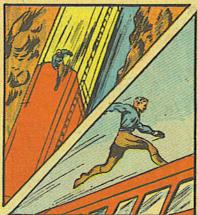






















SEVERAL DAYS LATER ... IN A HOSPITAL ...

IT'S MEN LIKE YOU. WHO WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT ACTUALLY BEING ON IT'S PAY-ROLL... THAT HAVE MADE THIS COUNTRY WHAT IT IS TODAY!





ANOTHER EPISODE OF RUNAWAY RONSON' WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE!





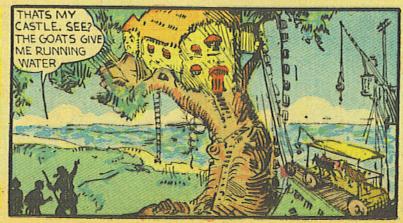






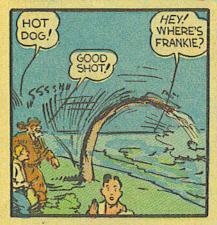


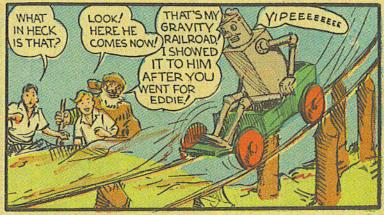


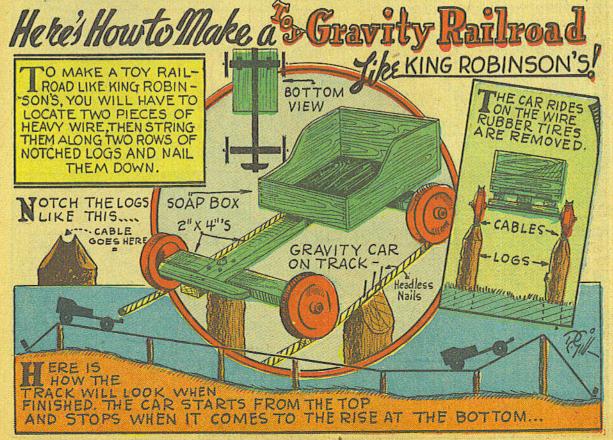


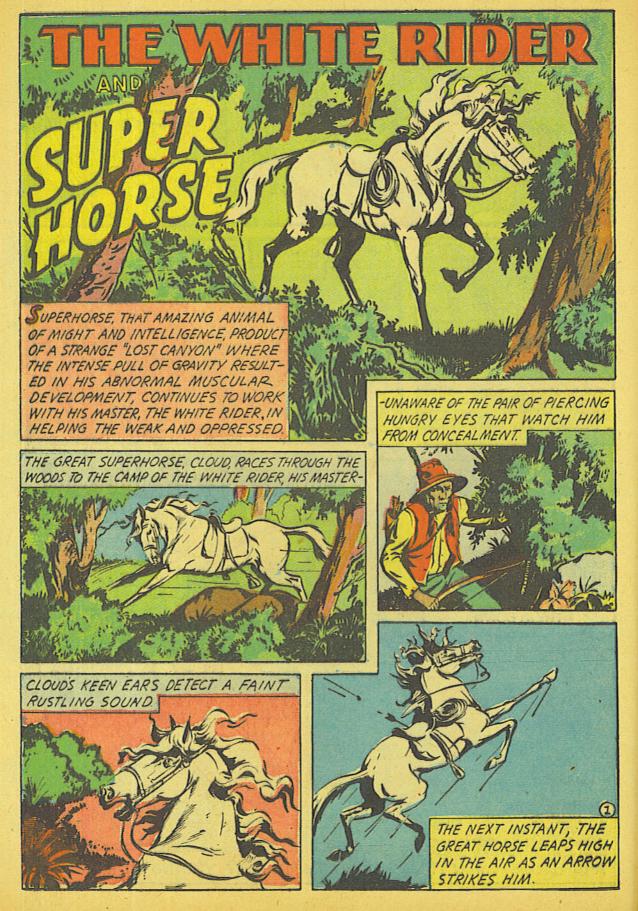


















HOLDING THE INDIAN PRISONER, CLOUD WHINNIES FOR HIS MASTER, CAMPED NEAR-BY.

















-CLEARS THE LICKING TONGUES OF FLAME IN A MIGHTY LEAP.



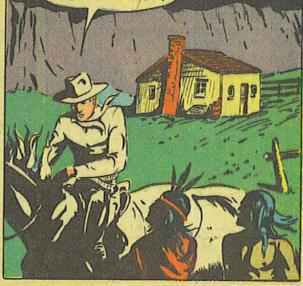






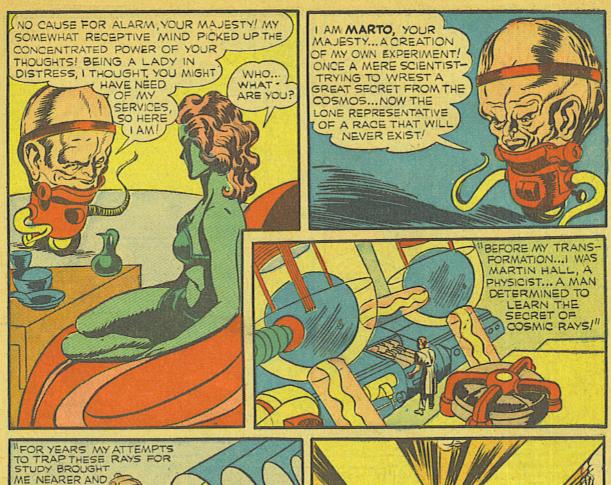


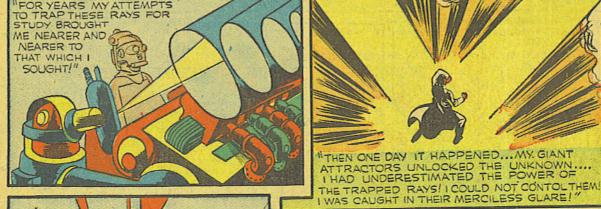
YOU MEN WAIT HERE. CLOUD AND I WILL SEE HIM FIRST!





AT THE WHITE RIDER'S SIGNAL, SUPERHORSE LUNGES AT THE DOOR OF THE HOUSE.



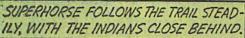


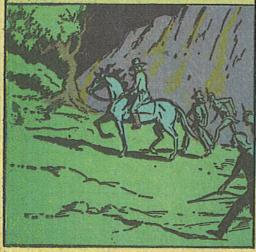




Y BODY WAS UNDERGOING A DRASTIC CHANGE! MY HEAD GREW UNTIL IT BURST MY OXO-MASK! MY LIMBS WERE CONTRACTING ... GROWING SMALLER ... I WAS WEAK ... UNABLE TO MOVE!









SUDDENLY A FAMILIAR SOUND IS HEARD, REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN. THEY LEAVE THE TRAIL AND GO TO A CLIFF NEAR BY, LOOKING DOWN THEY SEE—



THE WHITE RIDER STOPS THE CHIEF, AND TELLS HIM OF A PLAN HE HAS.

BUT HOW WE YOU'LL SEE HOW LATER! JUST TAKE CATCH-UM YOUR MEN AND CLOSE THAT EXIT FROM THIEF? THE VALLEY, AND DON'T FORGET THE SIGNAL!

WHEN THE EXIT IS CLOSED, THERE SOUNDS THE CRY OF THE WHIPPOORWILL, THE SIGNAL FOR SUPERHORSE TO GO INTO ACTION



SUPERHORSE GETS THE CATTLE MOVING AND HEADS THEM TOWARD THE OTHER END OF THE VALLEY.



IF THE LAWSEES THEM CATTLE, YEAH! COME WERE DONE FER! I HOPE THET ON! HURRY! AGENT'S STILL TIED UP!



THE THIEVES FOLLOW THE CATTLE INTO THE POCKET. THEN THE INDIANS LEAVE THEIR HIDING PLACES



SO YOU STOLE THE CATTLE BACK \ TIED UP! WE WERE



THE EXIT FROM THE VALLEY BLOCKED, THE CATTLE POUR INTO A STONE POCKET NEAR BY

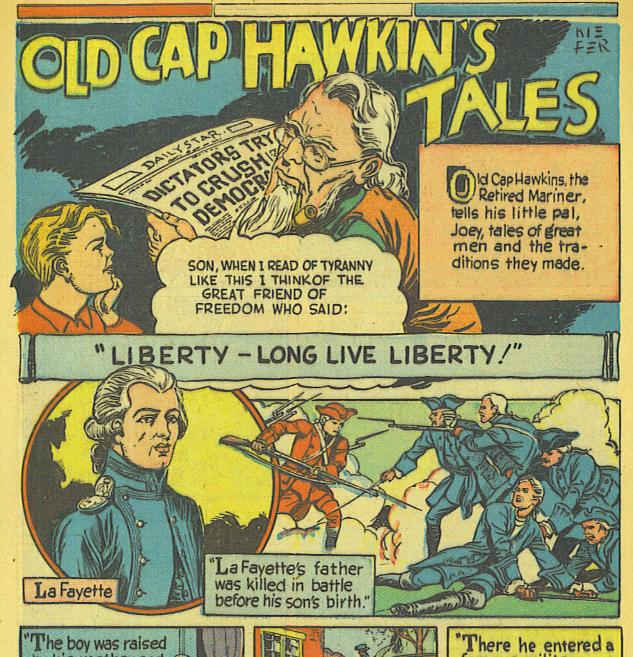


THEY TRAP THE THIEVES, ONE OF THEM THE RANCH-ER WHO SOLO THE INDIAN AGENT THE CATTLE.



AFTER GIVING THE INDIAN AGENT SAVIN' HIM IN CASE THE RECEIPT FOR PAYMENT? WHERE'S WE GOT INTO TROUBLE. HE'S UP THE HILL IN A SHACK) HEAP PLENTY .THE AGENT NOW? MEAT NOW-THANK-UM TO GOD HORSE



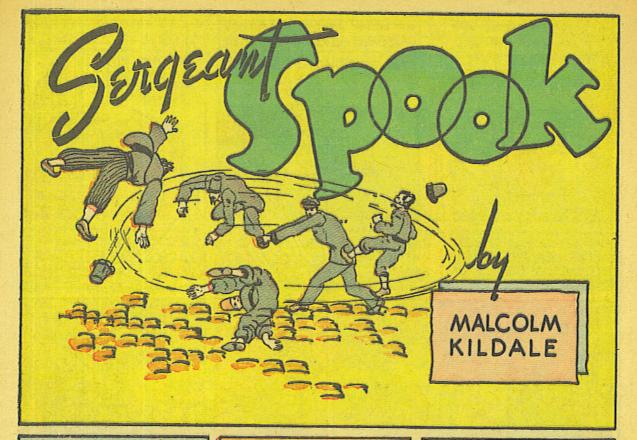






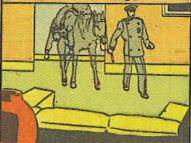






SERGEANT SPOOK, THE GHOST COP, HAS CAPTURED JESSE JAMES AND HIS GHOST GANG IN A HOTEL AFTER JESSE JAMES HELD UP A TRAIN. IN A TERRIFIC FIGHT, SERGEANT SPOOK KNOCKS THE GANG OUT, BUT HE HASN'T AS YET RECOVERED THE MAIL BAG JESSE JAMES STOLE.

WITH THE GHOST GANG PILED ON JESSE'S GHOST HORSE, SERGEANT SPOOK MAKES HIS WAY THROUGH THE HOTEL LOBBY.



H-M-M-NOW THAT I'VE CAUGHT THIS GANG WHAT WILL I DO WITH THEM? I CAN'T TAKE THEM TO THE CITY JAIL, BECAUSE THEY CAN WALK THROUGH THE BARS AND BE FREE AGAIN!



AS SERGEANT SPOOK REACHES THE STREET, HE HEARS SOME-ONE CALL HIM.



TURNING, SPOOK COMES FACE TO FACE WITH ANOTHER GHOST.



MY DEAR FELLOW, I AM DOCTOR
SHERLOCK WE GHOSTS COME FROM GHOSTTOWN ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CITY.
HAVEN'T YOU EVER BEEN THERE?





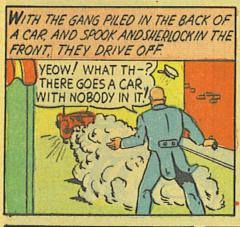














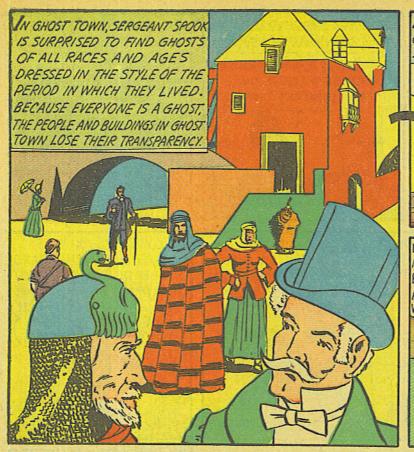






OF COURSE WE HAVE SOME FORMER





HAVING LODGED JESSE JAMES AND HIS
GANG IN JAIL, DOCTOR SHERLOCK ANSWERS
SOME OF SERGEANT SPOOKS QUESTIONS.

HAVE YOU ANY NO, WE HAVEN'T. EVERYPOOR PEOPLE ONE IS ALIKE.





HIS GHOST LIFE WAS VERY UNHAPPY WHEN HE FIRST CAME HERE, BUT A SPECIAL DECREE FIXED THAT. NOW, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A CITY FIREMAN, HE IS ALLOWED TO BUILD A BONFIRE AND

A BONFIRE AND WHILE IT BURNS HE PLAYS HE'S HAPPY NOW.

YOU SEE MANY OF OUR GHOSTS
BRING SOME OF THEIR FORMER
TRAITS WITH THEM-LIKE JESSE
JAMES FOR INSTANCE-WHO STILL
ROBS TRAINS. BUT COME-I'LL TAKE



JUST THEN, JESSE JAMES MAKES A BREAK FOR FREEDOM.





WITH THE JAMES GANG SAFELY BACK IN THE GHOST TOWN JAIL, SPOOK AND SHERLOCK START THEIR TOUR OF THE CITY.













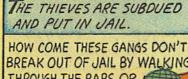






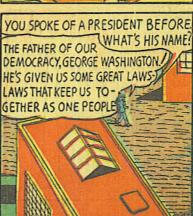
























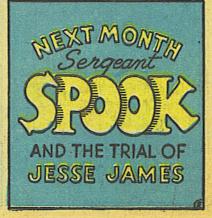






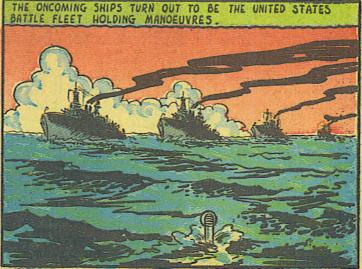


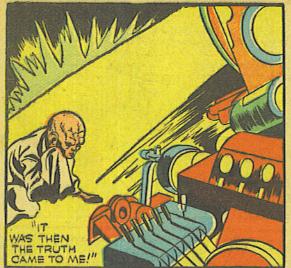




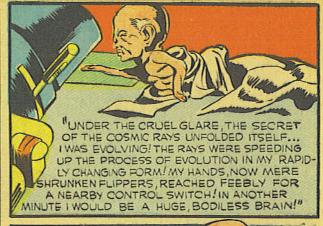




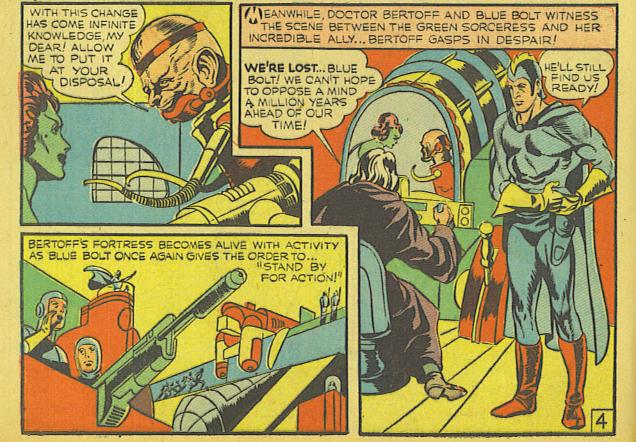




























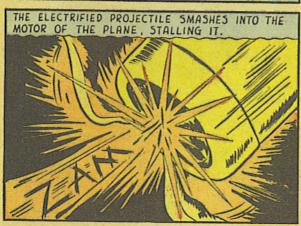








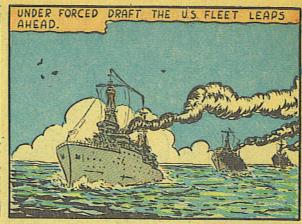








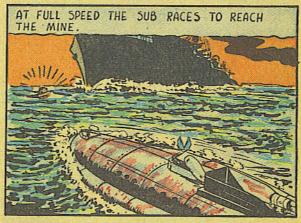


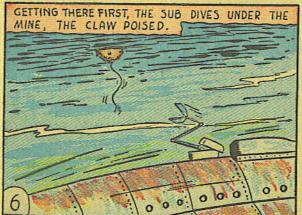


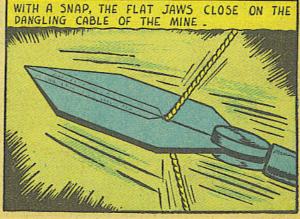






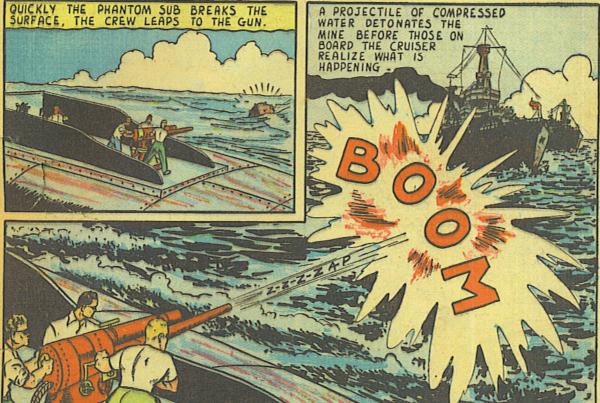
















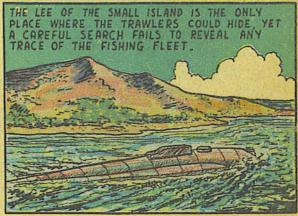














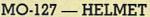
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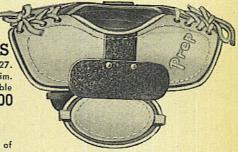
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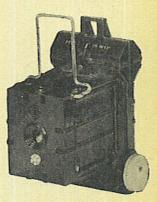
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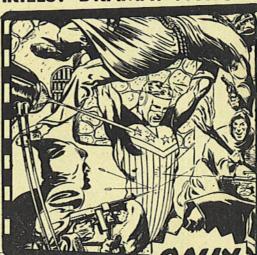
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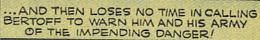












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